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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 678

Introduced by Assembly Member Dutra

February 23, 1999

An act to amend Sections 1797.84 and 1797.218 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to emergency medical services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 678, as amended, Dutra. Emergency medical services: ~~immunizations~~ *immunization and screening programs*.

Existing law permits any local emergency medical services agency to authorize an advanced life support or limited advanced life support program that provides services utilizing paramedics for the delivery of emergency medical care to the sick and injured at the scene of an emergency, during transport to a general acute care hospital, during interfacility transfer, while in the emergency department of a general acute care hospital until care responsibility is assumed by the regular staff of that hospital, and during training within the facilities of a participating general acute care hospital.

This bill would permit any local emergency medical services agency also to authorize ~~a—childhood~~ *an immunization and screening* program utilizing paramedics that provides immunization services and that includes comprehensive treatment, documentation, and other protocols established by the local emergency medical services agency.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1797.84 of the Health and Safety
2 Code is amended to read:

3 1797.84. “Emergency Medical
4 Technician-Paramedic,” “EMT-P,” “paramedic” or
5 “mobile intensive care paramedic” means an individual
6 whose scope of practice to provide advanced life support
7 ~~and administer certain childhood immunizations is,~~
8 *including the authority to administer certain*
9 *immunizations as prescribed in subdivision (b) of Section*
10 *1797.218, is* according to standards prescribed by this
11 division and who has a valid certificate issued pursuant to
12 this division.

13 SEC. 2. Section 1797.218 of the Health and Safety
14 Code is amended to read:

15 1797.218. Any local EMS agency may authorize the
16 following:

17 (a) An advanced life support or limited advanced life
18 support program that provides services utilizing EMT-II
19 or EMT-P, or both, for the delivery of emergency medical
20 care to the sick and injured at the scene of an emergency,
21 during transport to a general acute care hospital, during
22 interfacility transfer, while in the emergency department
23 of a general acute care hospital until care responsibility
24 is assumed by the regular staff of that hospital, and during
25 training within the facilities of a participating general
26 acute care hospital.

27 ~~(b) A childhood immunization program, overseen by~~

28 (b) (1) *An immunization and screening program,*
29 *overseen by the local EMS medical director and*
30 *coordinated with the local public health department, that*
31 *provides immunization services utilizing EMT-P, trained*
32 *in the administration of certain program-identified*
33 *immunizations, and that includes comprehensive*
34 *treatment, documentation, and other protocols*
35 *established by the local EMS agency. EMT-P*

1 *immunization training for immunization and screening*
2 *programs shall meet or exceed the Teaching*
3 *Immunizations Practices (TIP) curriculum.*
4 *Participation of at least one qualified nurse shall be*
5 *required at any site where an authorized immunization*
6 *and screening program is conducted.*

7 *(2) Notwithstanding the decision of a local EMS*
8 *agency to authorize an immunization and screening*
9 *program, EMT-P participation in an immunization and*
10 *screening program shall be voluntary.*

